

Q How about the father? Did you talk to the father, James Mills?

A The father, he was very much affected over the sad news of the death of his wife, and just in a preliminary way, preliminary talk; that is all.

Q You had no stenographic report of that conversation taken down? A No, sir.

Q Did you make any search of the Mills house at that time?

A No, sir.

Q How long were you there? A Possibly fifteen minutes altogether.

Q Was it your general practice in the investigation of homicide cases to take statements from persons and not have them taken down stenographically? A In many instances; yes, sir.

Q You realized that this was an important case, didn't you?

A Oh, yes.

Q Still you didn't have a stenographer taking down?

A We had no stenographer with us that day.

Q You didn't make a search of the Mills house? A No, sir.

Q When you had your conversation with Mrs. Hall you didn't have a stenographer either? A No, sir; Mr. Beekman and I were there together.

MR. SIMPSON: Will you please keep your voice up.

A (Continuing) There was no stenographic statement taken from